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LIGANDS

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2010, for which a response is initially due on or before February 5, 2011. Because February 5, 2011 falls on a Saturday, a response filed the next business day, Monday, February 7, 2011, is considered timely.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants note that an Appeal Brief was filed on September 22, 2010. Pursuant to MPEP § 1207, Applicants note that the Examiner has effectively re-opened prosecution by applying new grounds of rejection.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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